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IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated: April 30, 2023** 



ALAN M. KOSCHIK U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

IN RE:	) CASE NO.: 22-51468
SARAH DONOHUE,	) ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO. 23-05005
Debtor,	) CHAPTER 7
	_ ) JUDGE ALAN M. KOSCHIK
SARAH DONOHUE,	
Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, et al.,	) ) )
Defendants.	)

## **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022, Sarah Donohue (the "<u>Plaintiff</u>" or the "<u>Debtor</u>") commenced the above-captioned bankruptcy case by filing a petition under Chapter 7 of Title 11of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"); and

WHEREAS, the Debtor commenced the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") against the U.S. Department of Education by filing the Complaint to Determine Discharge of Student Loans, see Adv. Pro. ECF No. 1 (the "Complaint"); and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2023, the United States Department of Education (the "Defendant" or "Education,") filed an Answer, *see* Ad. Pro. ECF No. 9, asserting, among other things, that it was the proper defendant; and

WHEREAS, by the Complaint, the Plaintiff seeks to discharge, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 523(a)(8), certain student loan debt identified on Education's Certificate of Indebtedness filed in this matter (the "Student Loan Debt"); and

WHEREAS, in February 2023, the Plaintiff, pursuant to the November 17, 2022,

Guidance for Department Attorneys Regarding Student Loan Bankruptcy Litigation, submitted to

Education an Attestation in Support of Request for Stipulation Conceding Dischargeability of

Student Loans (the "Attestation"); and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Attestation, Education agrees that the Court should discharge, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8), the Student Loan Debt; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amicably resolve the matters at issue in the Adversary Proceeding and, therefore, have agreed to enter into this Consent Judgment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon consideration of the Complaint and the stipulations contained herein, as well as the consent of the parties as evidenced by the endorsement below of the parties or their counsel, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio:

## ORDERED, that, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8), the Student Loan Debt is hereby DISCHARGED

Dated: April 17, 2023

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## SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK

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